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Description/Title of Attached Forms: (1) Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form;  
(2) Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): (1) The Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form initially submitted did not have the correct list of attendees. (2) The Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses has been amended to included both expenses paid directly by the sponsor and expenses initially paid by me and later reimbursed by the sponsor.

(Date)

Theresa T. Hanson  
(Signature of Traveler)

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## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA)
2. Description of the trip: The trip will highlight several production facilities, discussions with both our creative and executive teams, and deepen the participants'... (see attached for continued answer)
3. Dates of travel: February 20, 2019 - February 22, 2019
4. Place of travel: Los Angeles, CA
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: see attached
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:  
☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
- OR -  
☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
- AND -  
☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
- AND -  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☒ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

The duration of travel and programming are such that two nights are necessary for Congressional invitees to attend a full day of programming.

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached Itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The MPAA is the sole sponsor of the trip and is responsible for organizing and conducting all aspects of the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

MPAA serves as the voice and advocate of the American Motion Picture and TV industry. The day of programming will highlight several movie/tv production facilities, discussions with both our creative & executive teams, and deepen the participants' understanding of the policy issues facing our industry.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

The MPAA sponsored a congressional trip to the 2015 South by Southwest festival in Austin, TX, and congressional trips to Los Angeles (similar to this one) in October 2015, October 2016, and February 2018.



15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The MPAA regularly hosts educational briefings, conferences such as the "Creativity Conference," and events such as "Beyond the Red Carpet" and "Script to Screen" that include Congressional invitees, private sector representatives, and media.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$1,000 total (\$800 = airfare; \$400 = local ground transportation)	\$360 (two nights)	\$185 (exclusive of tax and gratuity)	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Many of our studios have production located in Los Angeles and the purpose of the trip is for staff to tour production facilities and meet production teams.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Universal Hilton, 555 Universal Hollywood Dr., Universal City, CA 91608

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Centrally located to all three studios we will be visiting and meets the government per diem rate.



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

**The daily lodging expenses are equal to the Fed Govt Los Angeles travel per diem rate.**

**The meal expenses are less than the Fed Govt Los Angeles travel per diem rate.**

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

**Coach roundtrip airfare from DC to LA. Taxis/Uber/Lyft to/from personal home to DC airport.**

**Coach mini-bus shuttles to/from LA airport. Coach mini-bus shuttles on day-of programming.**

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

**Signature of Travel Sponsor:**

**Name and Title:** Ben Sheffner, Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel

**Name of Organization:** Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.

**Address:** 15301 Ventura Blvd, Bldg E; Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

**Telephone Number:** 818.935.5784

**Fax Number:**

**E-mail Address:** [ben\\_sheffner@mpaa.org](mailto:ben_sheffner@mpaa.org)



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**2. Description of the Trip (continued):** ...understanding of the policy issues facing our industry, including fiscal, licensing & distribution, international trade, and intellectual property issues.

**5. Name and title of Senate invitees:**

Michelle Barlow Richardson, Chief of Staff, Sen. Roger Wicker (MS)  
Eric Einhorn, Senior Counsel for Technology and Communications Policy, Sen. Brian Schatz (HI)  
Jeff Hantson, Counsel, Sen. Mazie Hirono (HI)  
Brendon Plack, Chief of Staff, Sen. John Thune (SD)  
Patrick Warren, Counsel, Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

***\*\* Each of these individuals works on fiscal, licensing and distribution, international trade, and/or intellectual property issues, which is the focus of our day of programming.***

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# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:

**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

Travel date(s): February 20, 2019 - February 22, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$1,000 total (\$600 = airfare; \$400 = local ground transportation)	\$360 (two nights)	\$205 (exclusive of tax and gratuity)	None

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached itinerary.

4/17/19  
(Date)

Jeffrey T. Hankson  
(Printed name of traveler)

Jeffrey T. Hankson  
(Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

4/17/19  
(Date)

Mazzi K. Ziano  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



**MPAA CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DELEGATION ITINERARY  
LOS ANGELES, CA**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

- 5:30PM Depart Washington Reagan National on Delta Flight #1872
- 8:26PM Arrive at LAX.
- Ivory Zorich/MPAA will meet you and other Hill staff at the Delta baggage claim with "MPAA Delegation" sign. A shuttle van will then take staff and luggage to Hilton Universal for drop-off.
- 9:45PM Arrive at Hilton Universal. No MPAA programming scheduled for this day.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

- 7:45AM Depart hotel for Universal Studios  
Location: 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608  
Enter through Gate 1 off of Lankershim Blvd. Drop off in front of the Grill/Commissary.
- 7:50AM Staff Delegation arrives at Universal Studios
- 8:05AM-8:07AM **Welcome Remarks by Ivory Zorich, Event Consultant/Programmer, MPAA**  
with light morning refreshments served.  
Location: Room 1220
- 8:07AM-9:10AM **"Piracy Living Room" Presentation and Discussion with NBCUniversal Executives:**  
**Braxton Perkins, Senior Vice President, IP Analytics, Operations & Tech**  
**David Green, Vice President, Public Policy and Creative Content Protection**  
Description: NBCUniversal technology and policy experts will provide an in-depth presentation on the online piracy ecosystem. The presentation will include demonstrations of how consumers typically obtain unlawful content and how content-theft sites profit through advertising, subscriptions, and malware distribution. The group will also discuss the legal and political efforts the industry is undertaking to reduce the theft of film and television content, and the importance of international trade agreements to that effort. The presentation will also discuss "piracy devices and apps": the fast-growing phenomenon of set-top boxes that, like Apple TV or Roku, attach to the television to provide easy access to Internet content, but, unlike those legitimate devices, tap into pirated sources for live channels and video on demand content.
- 9:10AM-10:50AM **Educational Tour of Universal Lot**  
Description: The tour will provide a first-hand look at the film and TV production process. The presentations will demonstrate how NBCUniversal has worked to reimagine the film experience in new and inventive ways for consumers. The group will visit physical sets, post-production offices with demonstrations on digital editing, and the Wizarding World of Harry Potter experience at Universal Studios. Throughout the visit, we will discuss the extensive resources that are invested in creating original content and park experiences, and the importance

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of protecting this valuable intellectual property, including copyrights, trademarks, and the licensing marketplace.

- 10:50AM Proceed to shuttle bus
- 11:15AM Depart Universal Studios for Warner Bros.  
Location: WB Gate 7, 6561 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068
- 11:45AM-12:45PM Lunch  
Location: SJR Lobby
- 12:15PM-12:45PM **Remarks and Q&A with Jackie Hayes, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Warner Bros. Home Entertainment Inc.**  
Description: Remarks will be focused on the evolving business models for viewers to access film and television content for home and mobile use.
- 12:45PM-2:50PM **Remarks and Educational Tour of Warner Bros. led by Michael Walbrecht, Vice President, Studio & Production Affairs, Warner Bros.**  
Description: Michael Walbrecht will meet with the group to review and discuss federal and state film and television tax policies that impact the film and television industry, along with the pressures of overseas incentives to lure domestic production offshore. Specifically, he will present information on the relationship between the Section 181 tax incentive and state film credits, and how decisions on filming location can impact the economic viability of productions. Walbrecht will also discuss the importance of trade policies to the film and television industry's efforts to protect intellectual property in a global digital economy. The group will continue on an educational tour of Warner Bros.' back-lot facilities. Potential stops, depending on production schedules, will include sound stages to showcase the jobs related to building and maintaining a set, and post-production facilities (i.e. sound dubbing, editing) to highlight the major technology investments required to produce and distribute films and television shows.
- 2:50PM Proceed to shuttle bus
- 3:00PM Depart for Paramount  
Location: 5555 Melrose, Los Angeles, CA
- 3:45PM Arrive at Paramount
- 4:00PM-5:00PM **Augmented Reality & Virtual Reality Demo with Ted Schilowitz, Paramount Futurist**  
Description: Paramount Futurist Ted Schilowitz works with studio leadership and the technology teams at Paramount/Viacom, exploring forms of new and emerging technologies, with an emphasis on Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality. Ted will demonstrate VR/AR projects for staffers and talk with them about the technology his team develops and how it's used in the industry. This demonstration will also include a discussion of IP and copyright issues.



## Educational Tour of Paramount Pictures Studio Lot

6:30PM

6:40PM

**Depart for dinner**

7:00PM -  
9:00PM

## Dinner

To continue the day's conversation, joining us at dinner will be representatives from the creative community and guilds.

9:00PM

**Proceed to hotel**

END OF DAY

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019**

5:30AM

Ivory Zorich/MPAA will meet you and other Hill staff in the Universal Hilton lobby. A shuttle van will then take staff and luggage to LAX for drop-off.

6:45AM

**Arrive at LAX.**

8:20AM

**Depart LAX on Delta Flight #1881**

4:28PM

**Arrive at Washington Reagan National.**

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